

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3933 - SB 4026

February 19, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense for reckless driving for operators of tractor trailer trucks who exceed posted speed limits by more than 15 mph.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Net Impact - \$540,200

Decrease Local Revenue - \$4,700

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety (DOS), there are approximately 8,400 violations per year for speeding offenses involving tractor trailer vehicles exceeding posted speed limits by more than 15 mph.
- DOS estimates the average fine to be \$15 under current law.
- 25% will not pay fine due to indigence.
- Under current law, total citation revenue is estimated to be \$94,500 (8,400 violations x \$15 x 75% who pay = \$94,500) per year.
- County clerks receive 5% of current violation revenue (or approximately \$4,700 per year); the state retains the remainder (or approximately \$89,800 per year).
- DOS estimates the average fine to be \$100 as a Class B misdemeanor.
- Under this bill, total citation revenue is estimated to be \$630,000 (8,400 violations x \$100 fine x 75% who pay = \$630,000) per year.
- The state retains 100% of violation revenue for reckless driving charges. As a result, local governments will lose their 5% commissions. Therefore, the decrease of local government revenue is estimated to decrease by \$4,700 per year.
- The net increase to state revenue is estimated to be \$540,200 (\$630,000 - \$89,800 = \$540,200) per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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